who are able to offer a minimum of one room or a maximum of five rooms of prescribed specification and who are physically residing in the premises are eligible to apply for this scheme. The idea is to provide a clean and affordable place for foreign and domestic tourists and an opportunity to stay with an Indian family to experience local customs and traditions and relish authentic local cuisine.

(c) 102 applications have been received as of today from house owners in the Northern Region out of which 5 were approved as on 31st December, 2006.

(d) This scheme has been launched all over the country and a pilot project has been taken up in Delhi.

World Bank assistance for water restructuring project

†1617. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water restructuring project is being run with assistance from the World Bank;

(b) if so, the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon; and

(c) the number of schemes to be revived and modernized under this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. Water Sector restructuring/improvement projects are being implemented with the World Bank assistance in the States of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization and Water Management Project has since been approved for external assistance and agreement with the World Bank signed on 12.2.2007. The Andhra Pradesh Water Sector Improvement Project has been taken up by the World Bank for appraisal.

(b) and (c) Statement showing details of the projects is enclosed.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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Sl. No.	State	Name of Projects	Assistance amount in Million Dollor *Currency*	Number of Schemes to be revived/modernised
1.	Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh Water Sector Restructuring Project LN 4750-IN River basin	US$394.020	Agricultural intensification of 5 Major, 33 Medium and 616 Minor schemes.
2.	Rajasthan	Rajasthan Water Sector Restructuring Project Cr. 3603-IN	SDR100.052	Rehabilitation of 8 Major, 37 Medium and 45 Minor schemes.
3.	Uttar Pradesh	UP Water Sector Restructuring Project Cr. 3602-IN	SDR 90.471	Rehabilitation of 2 Major schemes for canal works of Sharda Sahayak System Immanganj Branch and Jaunpur Branch Command.
4.	Maharash-tra	Maharashtra Water Sector Improvement Project-LN 4796-IN	US$ 325	Rehabilitation and Modernization of 9 Major, 22 Medium and 286 Minor schemes.
5.	Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation and Water Management Project	US$ 485.00	Yet to be effected.

Sl.No.	Name of Project	Cost (Rs. in Crores)	Status
	Pipeline Projects		
1.	Andhra Pradesh Water Sector Improvement Project	2250	Under Appraisal of World Bank

Interlinking of rivers

1618. SHRI K.P.K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the latest developments in the matter of inter-linking Indian rivers in general and the peninsula rivers in particular; and

(b) whether while addressing a Press Conference at Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu recently he had said that matters are moving at a natural pace and the farmers of Tamil Nadu are at their wits end to give any concrete shape to this abstract phrase and whether he propose to offer a clarification so that these farmers may find a ray of hope?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) and Central Water Commission (CWC) formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980 envisaging inter-basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas which comprises of two components, namely, Himalayan Rivers Development Component and Peninsular Rivers Development Component. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up under the MOWR in 1982 for carrying out various technical studies to establish the feasibility of the proposals of NPP and to give concerete shape to it. Based on various studies conducted, NWDA has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component & 14 under Himalayan Component) for the preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs). Out of these, FRs of 14 links under Peninsular Component and 2 links (Indian Portion) under Himalayan Component have already been completed. Further, a Memorandum of Understanding for the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of one of the links in Peninsular Component Namely Ken-Betwa link was signed among the Central Government and State Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh